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HUD RENEWS AREA FUNDING TO HELP THE HOMELESS

ROCKFORD – The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development has announced \$1,556,254 in renewal funding for agencies serving Winnebago and Boone counties through HUD's Continuum of Care grant program.

HUD's Continuum of Care grants are awarded competitively to local programs that provide permanent and transitional housing to homeless individuals and families as well as job training, health care, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment and child care.

Agencies awarded include Shelter Care Ministries, Rosecrance, The Carpenter's Place, Careers, Etc., and MELD.

HUD awarded \$1.47 billion to renew funding to more than 7,100 local homeless programs operating across the country, \$62 million more than last year. HUD is renewing this funding as quickly as possible to prevent any interruption in federal assistance, ensuring these housing and service programs remain operating in 2012. Continuum of Care awards for new projects will be announced later this year.

Grant awards come from U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development's funds through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The City of Rockford Human Services Department is the grant administrator for the local program.

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